

REMARKS

This Amendment is made in response to the Final Action mailed April 18, 2003. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment. In addition, a Notice of Appeal is enclosed. Claims 14-16 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 9-13 remain pending in this application, and appear to be considered allowable. Applicants respectfully requested consideration and entry of the above amendments, since the amendments place this application into condition for allowance, or in better condition for appeal.

Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 14-16 have been objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75, as being duplicative of claims 9, 12 and 13, respectively. In order to facilitate allowance of this application, claims 14-16 have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection and objections have been rendered moot.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration of 9-13 and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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